

Rouge River cleanup is set for Saturday

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staff writer

There's still time to lend a hand in the fourth annual Rouge Rescue in Farmington Hills, scheduled for 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 3.

This year's site will be outside the Farmington Nursing Home, on the southwest corner of Folsom and Tuck. The nursing home was the 1986 rescue site.

About 4,000 people are expected to volunteer at 25 sites along the 125-mile-long Rouge River

watershed basin. Volunteers will join workers from 22 communities to remove debris and break up 150 logjams blocking the waterway.

Signup for Farmington Hills volunteers will begin at 8:30 a.m. This year, volunteers will receive T-shirts, hats and gloves. Lunch also will be served following the cleanup.

"Yes, I think the rescue does help. As we get the trees that fall into the river, it's going to flow better," said Jean Barrett, assistant to the Farmington Hills public services director.

In a repeat performance, students and faculty of Oakland Community College-Orchard Ridge campus will participate in the rescue from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., on the campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, at I-896. Volunteers should meet at 7 a.m. at Building H.

FARMINGTON HILLS volunteers should come prepared with boots and blue jeans or overalls that you don't mind dirtying. City crews will man the heavy equipment while volunteers will be asked to work along the river bank.

"We don't want the volunteers to be involved with any of the heavy equipment," Barrett said.

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When the river changes its course because of blockage, it begins eroding the river banks and prevents the river's natural abilities to cleanse itself of the growing fecal contaminants.

Anyone interested in volunteering Saturday is asked to call Barrett in advance at 473-9520 so city staff has an idea of how many people will be on hand.



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Mayor's Exchange Day

Farmington Hills City Council members Jody Soronen (left) and Ben Marks chat with Birmingham Mayor Randy Judd and commissioner Rex Martin (center) in the chambers of the Farmington Hills City Council during Mayor's Exchange Day May 22. The Birmingham contingent toured Farmington Hills in the morning then were guests for lunch at the Community Center of Farmington-Farmington Hills.

In the afternoon, Marks and Farmington Hills assistant city manager David Call joined Farmington Hills Mayor Terry Sever and Mayor Pro Tem Jean Fox in Birmingham, where the two had spent the morning as guests of the city. Soronen and fellow councilman Aldo Vagozzi and his wife, Lois, joined the others at a Government Day dinner in Birmingham.

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Partnership would coordinate services

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The affiliation, if wrapped up, would allow the two hospitals to integrate their capabilities and develop coordinated, cost-effective programs, said Laible.

The affiliation would build a strong and complementary relationship by which both organizations can better serve future area health care needs, Cooper said.

THE LETTER of intent provides

for a 120-day period during which the two organizations will negotiate a formal affiliation agreement.

Under terms of the letter of intent, it is proposed that Botsford Hospital Holding Co., a Michigan non-profit corporation and the parent holding company of Botsford General, will become the sole corporate member of Redford Community Hospital.

It also is proposed that the Redford hospital board will continue to have a majority of community representatives and that three of the current Redford hospital trustees will serve on the board of BHHC.

Last summer, a spokesman for Providence Hospital reported that board was a final stumbling block in wrapping up the affiliation agreement between Redford Community and Providence.

Other proposals in the letter include expanded employment opportunities for Redford personnel to fill positions at Botsford General Hospital, Northwest General Hospital, Farmington Nursing Home or Community Emergency Medical Service — all affiliates of the Botsford organization.

In addition, programs, services

and medical staff specialty coverage will be greatly expanded at Redford Community Hospital, said Laible.

REDFORD SUPERVISOR James Kelly, who is replacing Heldenbrand as chairman of the Redford hospital board, said: "We have had a great deal of discussion with various health care institutions over the last three years, and we believe that we have finally found a satisfactory partner that will be of benefit in preserving and maintaining a high level of care for our community."

Heldenbrand, who will serve as hospital board vice chairman, said: "We share a common health care market with Botsford, and this joint affiliation will allow both hospitals the flexibility to deliver a wider variety of services, plus state-of-the-art techniques in specialization to this service area."

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clarification

An obituary for Henry Trombley in the May 29 Observer identified Laura Sutherland of Birmingham as Mr. Trombley's daughter. She is his sister.

June of Events

We've planned a month of fun-filled days at Jacobson's in Livonia! There'll be an art show, fashion modeling, a seminar for the happy bride-to-be, and fresh ideas for Father's Day giving.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3 Splendid dresses for the wedding guests, informally modeled throughout the store.
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

JUNE 5-JUNE 17 "Images of the Southwest", a photographic art exhibit by local artist Monte Nagler.
Art Gallery, second floor.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8 Reception honoring photographic artist Monte Nagler and his "Images of the Southwest" exhibit.
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
For your reservation, please call 591-7696, extension 294. Art Gallery, second floor.

7 p.m. Join us for a mini-show of unique gift ideas for Father's Day in our Men's Shop.

7 p.m. Father's Day card making in the Children's Shop.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10 Summer Suit Show in our women's Suit Salon.
1 p.m. Informal modeling of these cool, lightweight designs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15 Find out the newest ways to accent your wardrobe with scarf-tying how-to's by Joan Emde.
7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

7 p.m. Bridal Seminar for brides-to-be...modeling of bridal and lingerie fashions. Informative tips on how to plan a perfect wedding. For your reservation, please call 591-7696, extension 233.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17 Stop in for a complimentary caricature by cartoonist Dennis Preston. Just bring in a picture of you and your Dad, or just you, or just Dad or Grandpa. Dennis will draw a keepsake remembrance for you. See you in the Men's Shop!
11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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